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MEMORANDUM FOR: Associate Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT : Gates' Cable to Bush

Paul -

1. Ambassador Gates is reacting to a distorted UPI report which he considers a reflection on his activities in Peking. Our analysis was focused entirely on inconsistent Peking media treatment of Ambassador Gates' activities since his arrival, a ~~which requires us to report to the community.~~

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2. A draft reply from Bush to Gates is attached (TAB H).

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3. Here are:

TAB A - Gates' original complaint to State Department;

TAB B - The UPI story on which his complaint was based;

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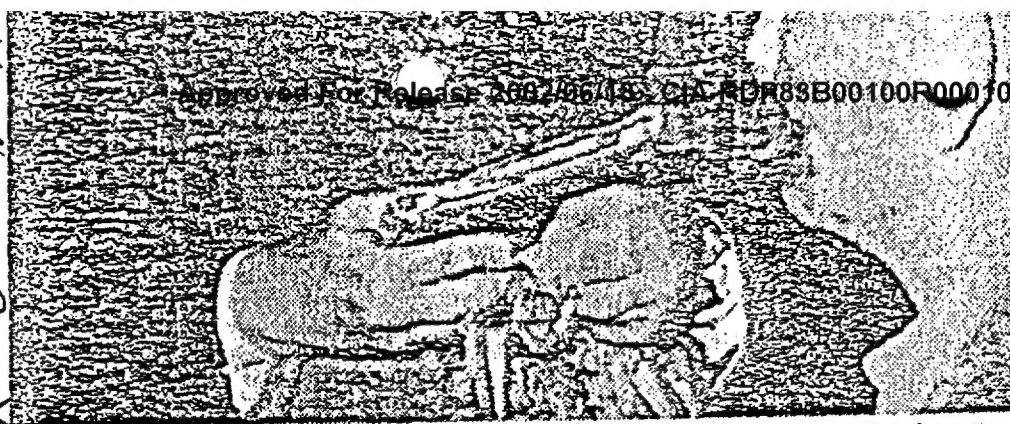
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— United Press International

Furious because police — and opposition leftists — are managing to put a stop to an election rally his neo-Fascist Italian Social Movement (MSI) in Rome's Piazza Santi Apostoli, Michele Marchio, one of several MSI leaders, screams at rioters. At least four MSI supporters were hospitalized with bullet wounds after they were jumped by a group of radical leftists as they departed the rally because of a downpour. Police then intervened with tear gas.

The World

China Snubbing U.S. Envoy

HONG KONG — A month after his arrival in Peking as the new chief of the U.S. Liaison Office, Thomas Gates has not been received by any important Chinese officials.

The Chinese have given Gates, a former secretary of defense, the cold shoulder treatment apparently to show their displeasure with some U.S. policies and possibly with Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger, Peking-based diplomatic analysts said yesterday.

"That's about the only way you can read it when you consider Peking's concern about Washington's detente policy with the Soviet Union and the absence of any serious movement on the Taiwan issue," one analyst said.

Angola Delays Mercenaries' Trial

LUANDA — In what it called a "goodwill gesture," the Angolan government has postponed the opening of the trial of 13 foreign mercenaries to give U.S. Attorney Robert Cesner Jr., of Columbus, Ohio, time to prepare a defense of three American defendants.

The mercenaries, to be tried before a "Revolutionary Popular Tribunal," could receive maximum penalties of death by firing squad for "crimes committed against the state during hostilities."

The government identified the Americans as Daniel F. Gearhart, 34, a Vietnam veteran from Kensington, Md.; Garry C. Acker, 21, a former U.S. Marine corporal from Sacramento, Calif.; and Gustavo C. Grillo, 27, Newark, N.J.

Peron Could Face 10 Years in Prison

BUENOS Aires — Peron has been formally charged with administrative irregu-

Rhodesia Threatens Wider War

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (UPI) — Premier Ian Smith said yesterday that Rhodesia will attack Mozambique if its troops actively assist Rhodesian black guerrillas intent on overthrowing his white supremacist regime.

In an interview published in the Johannesburg Star, Smith said Rhodesia still has "plenty of manpower and financial capacity" and could handle the insurgency without South Africa's assistance. But he said Pretoria's help would be welcome.

Smith's statement that Salisbury will hit back if Mozambique gets into the guerrilla campaign was the first time a senior Rhodesian official has threatened the Marxist-ruled neighbor with retaliation.

Military sources in Salisbury said Mozambican troops already are providing backup logistical support for the Rhodesian insurgents, such as providing transport to the border before the fighters infiltrate into Rhodesia.

The Star quoted Smith as saying, "Rhodesia would attack Mozambique if its forces joined in the African nationalist onslaught on Rhodesia."

short of a total diplomatic break.

It came as Syrian forces dug in on frontline positions in the foothills of Mount Lebanon, and as Moslem leftist and Palestinian leaders appealed to U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim for help, claiming the Syrians were "preparing a horrible massacre."

At the United Nations, Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger said the United States had not been consulted about Syria's invasion of Lebanon and had opposed it.

EGYPT AND Syria gave conflicting accounts of the attack on the Egyptian embassy in Damascus.

Reports from Damascus said several hundred Arab students occupied the Egyptian embassy, burned its furniture and briefly took eight embassy officials hostage. They said the eight men were released in good condition when police arrived.

The Egyptian spokesman's version was totally different.

"At 11 a.m. today, numerous Landrovers carrying Syrian intelligence agents armed with submachine guns headed for the Egyptian Relations Bureau (embassy). They surrounded the bureau and were joined by groups of gunmen who arrived in buses," he said.

The spokesman said they attacked the embassy and "destroyed its contents, smashed up radio and telephone communications facilities and furniture and plundered the steel safes."

"They also attacked bureau employees with knives, injuring one of them who had to be hospitalized, and set fire to the offices."

THE LATEST crisis between Egypt and Syria, stemming from Lebanese civil war developments,

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